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## Executive Director

Estela Lopez

April 19, 2017

Hon. Jose Huizar, Councilmember

Los Angeles City Hall

200 N. Spring Street Room 465

Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: San Pedro St. road improvements

Dear Councilmember Huizar,

The Department of Transportation recently informed us of their proposal to upgrade San Pedro St. between Temple and Ninth Streets with bike lanes, new high-visibility crosswalks and left-turn pockets.

This proposal would include a portion of our BID area between Third and Eighth Streets.

We wanted to express our enthusiastic support for this proposal. We need as much bicycle access throughout our entire downtown area as possible. The east side still lags behind the mobility infrastructure available on the west side of downtown. This is an important step in the direction of correcting that imbalance.

We requested DOT examine the possibility of a mid-block crosswalk on San Pedro between Fifth and Sixth Streets. This is an extraordinarily long block filled with uses that serve thousands of pedestrians and residents. There is significant jaywalking at all hours of the day and night and accident near-misses are common.

Lastly, we want to restate our position that downtown's greatest mobility need is an east-west thoroughfare that provides DASH, bicycle and crosswalk improvements to the Fashion, Industrial and Arts Districts. We are a transit desert. There is hope on the horizon thanks to the West Santa Ana Branch Metro project, but even that will not address the lack of any improved east-west corridor through these districts. Your office has been very responsive to us and has engaged with us on a vision to make 7<sup>th</sup> Street that corridor. We hope those conversations will soon lead to a project for 7<sup>th</sup> Street similar to the San Pedro St. proposal.

Thank you for your consideration, and for all you do on our behalf.

Sincerely,



Estela Lopez

Executive Director

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